

REMARKS

In response to the Advisory Action mailed 2/20/03, Claims 1, 6, and 13 have been amended. Claims 18-20 have been added. Accordingly, Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application.

For the reasons set forth more fully below, Applicant respectfully submits that the present claims are allowable. Consequently, reconsideration, allowance and passage to issue of the present application are respectfully requested.

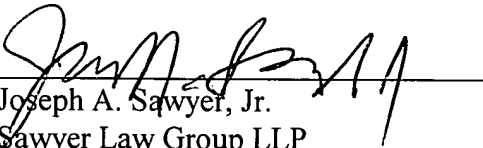
In the Advisory Action, the Examiner states that the "limitation at issue is 'utilizing a preset calling function at preset intervals to identify a potential theft when the position has not violated the boundary conditions.' The passage in the specification cited by the applicant as allegedly providing support for this limitation discloses only that the preset calling function identifies the location of the portable computer system. This is not the same as identifying whether the portable computer system has potentially been stolen."

Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 6, and 13 appropriately in order to clarify the limitation of utilizing a preset calling function at preset intervals to identify a location of the portable computer system when the position has not violated the boundary conditions. As pointed out by the Examiner, the amendment is supported by the specification, including page 8, lines 12-22. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added by the amendment. Applicant has further added new claims 18, 19, and 20 to recite the utilization of the identified location as a report for finding the portable computer system that satisfies the boundary conditions and is stolen. Again, the section of page 8, lines 12-22, of the specification supports the newly recited claim by disclosing that "if the portable computer 30

remains 'in-bounds' but is stolen, the scheduled reporting feature of the present invention allows the location of the stolen computer to be reported." In this manner, if the portable computer system is located somewhere unknown to its owner (i.e., potentially stolen) and is still within the preset boundary conditions, the owner is made aware of its location and can recover the portable computer system based on the reported location information.

Applicant's attorney believes that this application is in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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